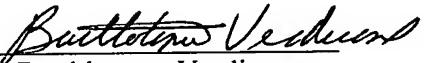


Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-21 have been amended to replace the phrase "characterized in that" with "wherein," to provide proper antecedent basis for terms recited therein and thereby conform to U.S. practice. Claims 1, and 3-21 have been further amended to delete reference to drawing numbers, in accordance with U.S. practice. Claims 3-5 and 14 have been amended to depend solely on Claim 1; Claims 7-10 have been amended to depend solely on Claim 5; Claims 12 and 13 depend solely on Claim 9 and Claims 16-19 and 21 depend solely on Claim 14 thereby eliminating any multiple dependencies and to more clearly define the applicants' invention. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by these amendments, and respectfully request entry thereof prior to examination on the merits.

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